



Newsletter



	Pupils Involved	Event
Monday 16 th January		
Tuesday 17 th January	Whole school	PE - children to come to school in PE kit (we'll be in the gym) After school clubs - finish at 4pm.
Wednesday 18 th January	Years 3 & 4	STEM visit to school 'The Tooth about Dentists'
Thursday 19 th January	Year 1 & Reception	Swimming - children will need their swimming kit including a towel and goggles. Please use your ParentPay account to pay for swimming sessions - thank you.
Friday 20 th January	Year 4 Reception & Year 1	Multi skills final (virtual) Please come in PE kit. Forest School with Mrs Gray. Please bring warm outdoor gear.
Monday 16 th January		
Tuesday 23 rd January	Whole school Reception	PE Forest school. After school clubs (gymnastics/running)
Wednesday 24 th January		
Thursday 25 th January	Reception & Year 1	Swimming
Friday 26 th January		



*Please contact school as soon as possible if your child is absent – thank you. **For the safety of all children - please inform school directly if there are any changes to your child's home time arrangements – thank you.***

It was good to see some parents in school on Friday morning having coffee and a chat – I know the timings aren't always convenient but it's a nice way to keep in touch and feel a part of our school life. Thank you for your positive feedback!

What's happening in my classroom?

Reception Topic – When I Grow Up Book of the week ;Astro Girl; by Ken Wilson

Communication and Language- We will begin to focus on our key text 'Astro Girl'. We will listen to parts of the story and ask questions about what we have discovered so far. We will focus on key images and explore them in depth, we will talk about what we can see, what is happening in the pictures and how it makes us feel. We will read some familiar supporting texts such as 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy and we will try to use some of this story language as we retell the story.

Personal and Social Development- We will continue our Jigsaw theme ' Dreams and Goals' focusing on 'never giving up'. ' We will talk about things we might find tricky but with practice and 'never giving up' we managed to do it. We will continue to challenge ourselves in the classroom with our 'cheeky challenges' linked to last weeks theme on challenge.

Physical Development – In PE, we will go swimming and we will also begin our dance topic with Mr Ellison.

We will work in our outdoor area using small and large equipment.

Literacy- We will continue to follow our Read, Write Inc phonics programme and practice our single letter sounds and some special friends. We will continue to work on our letter formation as we try to label some pictures from the story 'Whatever Next'.

Mathematics-. We will be recapping the numbers 1 to 5 with a focus on 0. We will focus on the composition of the numbers 4 and 5 focusing on how numbers are made up of smaller parts.

Understanding the World – Linked to the story Astro Girl we will talk about our favourite times at school and we will go over some memories by looking at pictures from the Autumn Term.

Expressive Arts and Design – We will draw or paint our special memories and act out these memories in small world with our mini me characters. We will continue our music lessons with Mr Tait. We will practice re-telling a familiar story and develop our role play area based on our current theme.

Year 1:

Maths- This week we will be continuing to look at Place Value up to 20. We will be looking at one more and one less than numbers within 20, before using number lines to estimate.

English- We are using our book 'One Day on our Blue Planet: In the Savannah' to create fact files all about lions. We will start by looking at any facts we already know about lions before researching to find out more.

Science- This week, we will be starting our new topic looking at animals. We will use key information to help us guess which animal we are talking about.

Geography- This half term, we will be looking at 'Around the World'. This week, we will be focusing our learning on Australia, looking at their culture, as well as their population and other interesting facts.

Art- This week, we will continue to look at self-portraits by creating our own self-portrait collages.

Music- We will be looking at our new music unit called 'In the groove' where we will be learning new songs and rhythms.

P.S.H.E- This week in P.S.H.E we will be using Jigsaw Jack to help us look at our dreams and goals.

P.E- We will continue our weekly lessons with Mr Ellison as well as starting our swimming lessons on a Thursday afternoon. We also have forest school on Friday with Mrs Gray.

How to help at home- Please try and read at least 3 times at home. Also, can you remember all of the continents of the world?

Year 2 :

English: Our core text this half term is 'The Emperor's Egg by Martin Jenkins and Jane Chapman'. This week we will be learning about emperor penguins and writing information books about them.

Maths: Our topic is Money. We will be using bar models and part whole models to show different ways of how to make a value. We will also be adding and subtracting different amounts of money.

Science: Animals and living things. This week we will be learning about how different animals reproduce and describing the different ways animals have offspring.

Geography: Hot and cold countries. This week we will be learning about the Antarctic and what it is like to live in Antarctica.

Art: Our topic this half term is colourful creations. This week we will be learning about primary colours and creating our own Mondrian inspired pictures.

Computing: Our topic this half term is algorithms. This week we will be learning about how to program a Bee Bot.

R.E: Our topic this half term is 'What does it mean to belong to a faith community?' We will be recognising different symbols that belong to religious communities.

Music: Our topic this half term is 'I wanna be in a band' and we will be learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with songs.

P.E: Our topic this half term is dance.

PSHE: Our topic this half term is 'Goals and dreams'. We will be talking about preserving even when things get tough.

How to help at home: Can you read 3 times and learn your spellings?

Year 3 & 4:

English - This week we are continuing to read 'African Tales'. We are going to be learning about different African countries and presenting our findings to others through posters and booklets. We will then be learning about story writing. We are going to be working on our reading skills this week when we research the different countries in Africa.

Maths: Year 3 will be learning about reasoning with multiplications this week. We will then move onto multiplying a two digit number by a one digit number, we will begin with no exchanges before moving on to including exchanges. We will also be doing lots of practice on our times tables.

Year 4 - This week we are going to be working on multiplying three numbers together using our times tables knowledge. We will then be learning about and using factor pairs. At the end of the week, we will work on multiplying by 10. We will also be doing lots of practice on our times tables.

Science - This week we will be learning about how we hear sound. We are going to be designing posters to inform others about what we have learned. We also have a visit from Newcastle University STEM Outreach 'The Tooth About Dentists'. We will be learning lots about teeth in readiness for the next half terms topic on animals, including humans.

Geography - We will be using our map skills to locate different countries in Europe.

Computing - This week we will be moving sprites on Scratch.

PSHE - We will be learning about disappointment this week, and how to help others who feel disappointed.

PE - Multi-skills with Mr Ellison and Year 4 competing in the Multi-Skills Final on Friday afternoon.

RE - This week we are learning about the Five Pillars of Islam.

Helping at home - We are working hard to become more confident in our times tables. Can you help at home by practising? There are lots of games online to help, or just quick questions are great too!

Miss Moore is currently absent from school. Please direct any Class Dojo messages to Mrs Goddard. Thank you.



Swimming - everyone had a super time last week at the pool and were fantastic!

All children in Reception & Year 1 will need:

- a towel
- swimming costume
- goggles (we have plenty of spares)

Please send these in a separate bag (so that your school things don't get wet!)

It would be really useful to come to school in 'easy' clothes on a swimming day - joggers & school sweatshirt is ideal, without too many fastenings.

Parentpay is all set up for payment via your accounts at £5 per session.

Please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Goddard if you have any further queries regarding swimming.



It's the turn of Reception and Class 1 to be outdoors with Mrs Gray this Friday doing Forest school. It'll probably be chilly so please make sure that your outdoor clothing is suitably warm! (Hot chocolate might be required at the end of the afternoon!!)



Eco - Council

Our school representatives, Finlay and Leo, were at a virtual meeting this morning with other partnership pupils to discuss the importance of environmental issues and what we might do to ensure the longevity of our planet. They have requested that we start to recycle our plastic more readily and that we bring any thin plastic (wrappings etc) and plastic bottles into school. They'll set up a collection point.

Thank you.